

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

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Request Date: July 8, 2019

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$0.00

Email

Request Number: C147617

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information

Motor Vehicle Commission

Records Custodian

MVC

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By

Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# C147617) from the Motor Vehicle Commission has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

The cost and any balance due for this request is shown to the right. Any balance due must be paid in full prior to the release / mailing of the documents.

If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Motor Vehicle Commission. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

Total Cost: \$0.00

Deposit: \$0.00

Total Amount Paid: \$0.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

Document Detail

Div	Doc #	Doc Name	Redaction Req	Pages	Legal Size	Electronic Media	Other Cost
KLA	0001	A list, preferably in a table, of driver license applications submitted in the state of NJ between 1/1/14 - present by people born in Puerto Rico. Include the date the application, current residence, birthplace (Puerto Rico)	N		N	N	
		Denial: 01.Not Made, Maintained, Filed or Received by Division --- Also exempt from disclosure See N.J.S.A. 39:2-3.3 et seq.					
KLA	0002	Process and/or policies used to verify the eligibility of people in Puerto Rico for a driver's license in New Jersey. 	N		N	N	

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		No record information responsive to request.					
KLA	0003	All materials and/or instructions used to verify the citizenship of people born in Puerto Rico.	N		N	N	
		No record information responsive to request.					

July 8, 2019

Dear Ms. Redden:

This office is in receipt of your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request dated July 3, 2019, wherein you seek disclosure of certain Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") record information.

In response to your request for "A list, preferably in a table, of driver license applications submitted in the state of New Jersey between Jan 1, 2014 to present by people born in Puerto Rico. This should include the date the application was submitted, the person's current residence, their birthplace (Puerto Rico) and if the application was approved, pending or denied and the reason why it is pending or denied," the MVC does not make, maintain, file or receive such a list.

In addition to the foregoing, the record information you seek is deemed to contain personal information and as such, is specifically exempt from disclosure under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") by the New Jersey Drivers' Privacy Protection Act ("DPPA"), N.J.S.A. 39:2-3.3 et seq.

In response to items 2 and 3 of your request, "2) A description of the process and/or policies used to verify the eligibility of people in Puerto Rico for a driver's license in New Jersey. 3) Copies of all materials and/or instructions used to verify the citizenship of people born in Puerto Rico," the MVC does not have a separate process and/or policy to verify the eligibility of people from Puerto Rico for a driver's license in New Jersey, nor is there separate policy or process for licensure for verifying the citizenship of people born in Puerto Rico. Therefore the MVC has no record information responsive to your request. However, please be advised that applicants from U.S. Territories, which include Puerto Rico, need only present their [current] driver license and 6 points of identification along with proof of address to obtain a basic New Jersey driver license.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,
Joseph F. Bruno
MVC Custodian of Records
Internal Compliance

Your request for government records (# C147617) is as follows:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

- 1) A list, preferably in a table, of driver license applications submitted in the state of New Jersey between Jan 1, 2014 to present by people born in Puerto Rico. This should include the date the application was submitted, the person's current residence, their birthplace (Puerto Rico) and if the application was approved, pending or denied and the reason why it is pending or denied.
- 2) A description of the process and/or policies used to verify the eligibility of people in Puerto Rico for a driver's license in New Jersey.
- 3) Copies of all materials and/or instructions used to verify the citizenship of people born in Puerto Rico.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. As I am a member of the media and this information will be used to inform the public, I request a fee waiver for this request. Also, as this is urgent public information, I request that it be expedited.

In the event that there are fees, I would be willing to pay up to \$10 and I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.
I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 7 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,
Molly Redden